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IDOA TO OFFER FREE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers as they will once again be hosting free container recycling days throughout the State.

Beginning in the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the State will collect the empty containers which will be recycled and made into shipping pallets, plastic lumber, and other useful products.

"This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers while also helping to protect the environment," said Jerry Costello II, Director, IDOA. "I encourage farmers to gather containers they are planning to dispose and take them to the nearest collection site to be repurposed."

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, labels, booklets, and foil seals.

Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers can be recycled via the Department's container recycling program by making the following container preparations: Mini Bulk (cage) containers are required to be cut into separate top, bottom and sides, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood) (6 slabs of plastic). Intermediate Bulk Containers are to be cut in to 1-foot square pieces, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood). In 2021, G. Phillips and Sons, LLC Began offering services to pick up Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers throughout the year. Please feel free to contact G. Phillips and Sons, LLC at 678-232-6047 to learn more about their Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk container collection service.

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois Extension.

Additional information can be found on the IDOA website at <u>agriculture.illinois.gov</u>, click on the "Environment" tab and then "Agrichemicals". To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

The collection sites and dates for the 2019 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

Permanent collection sites:

County	<u>City</u>	Location	Contact	Phone #
Pike	Griggsville	Logan Agri Sry, Inc	Josh Schaver	217-833-2375
Lawrence	Lawrenceville	Klein Flying Service	Robert Klein	618-884-1040
White	Carmi	Klein Flying Service	Bri Klein	812-890-8605

Single Day Collection Sites:

AM Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. **PM** Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*** Site hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Date/Time	County / City	Location	Contact	Phone
***7/22 AM	Randolph / Sparta	Bockhorn Ag	Justin Bockhorn	618-443-3905
7/22 PM	Monroe / Waterloo	Gateway FS	Jacob Frank	618-939-8237
7/23 AM	Wayne / Ellery	Wabash Valley	Kent Ochs	618-516-1697
		Serve Co.		
7/26 AM	Clinton / New Baden	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Jeff Haas	618-588-3525
7/26 PM	Washington / Irvington	Irvington Elevator	Steve Seidel	618-249-6206
7/27 AM	Effingham / Montrose	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
7/27 PM	Fayette / Vandalia	Woolsey Brothers	Randy Goodman	618-283-1263
7/28 AM	Macoupin / Girard	M & M Service	Brian McKinney	217-627-2151
7/28 PM	Christian / Pana	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
7/29 AM	Morgan / Jacksonville	Prairieland FS	Dick Stiltz	217-243-6561
7/29 PM	Cass / Virginia	Sunrise FS	Zach Witherell	217-836-0763
7/30 AM	Champaign / Tolono	United Prairie	Ben Rawlins	217-485-6000
7/30 PM	Tazewell / Deer Creek	Early Bird Feed &	Dave Howard	309-613-0934
		Fertilizer		
8/2 AM	Hancock / Bowen	Chem-Gro, Inc.	Todd Nelson	217-842-5514
8/2 PM	Schuyler / Rushville	Prairieland FS	Aaron Winner	217-322-2024
8/3 AM	McDonough /	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Travis Weaver	309-652-3694
	Blandinsville			
8/3 PM	Peoria / Hanna City	Ag-Land FS	Mark Alvey	309-565-4315
8/4 AM	Iroquois / Onarga	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Todd Miller	815-268-4428
8/4 PM	Kankakee / Chebanse	Chebanse Ag	Dean Schafer	815-697-2392

8/5 AM	Marshall / Toluca	Helena Chemical Co.	Ashley Anderson	815-452-2377
8/5 PM	Livingston / Saunemin	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Steve Schaffer	815-832-4491
8/6 AM	LaSalle / Lostant	Grainco FS	Josh Scott	815-368-3215
8/9 AM	DeKalb / Kirkland	Helena Chemical Co.	Dan Moore	815-522-3251
8/9 PM	Kane / Maple Park	CHS Inc.	Mike Buchanan	630-365-5027
8/10 AM	McHenry / Marengo	Conserv FS	Brett Wolter	815-568-7211
8/10 PM	Winnebago / Rockford	Conserv FS	Mike Webb	815-703-4612
8/11 AM	Stephenson / Dakota	Pearl City Elevator	Mark Wells	815-449-2254
8/11 PM	Carroll / Milledgeville	Carroll Service Co.	Riley Warnken	815-225-7101